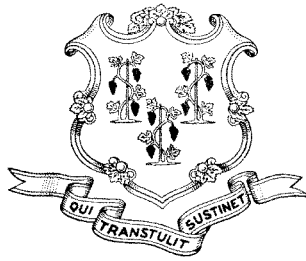


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Good Afternoon Sen. Stillman, Rep. Fleischmann, and members of the Education Committee. I would like to express my support for SB No. 282 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

The problem of teen dating violence is well known in our state and nation. Connecticut already requires that school boards conduct training for teachers and staff on recognizing teen dating violence. However, Connecticut does not currently require that students be taught about teen dating violence prevention, recognition, and response. SB 282 would require that Connecticut schools include teen dating violence awareness and prevention in their curricula. Adding this educational requirement would protect Connecticut students. Thank you for raising this important legislation.

